



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/577,846	04/27/2006	Valerio Borzatta	207,566	6064
7590	10/22/2007		EXAMINER	
Jay S Cinamon Abelman Frayne & Schwab 666 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017-5621			WITHERSPOON, SIKARL A	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			1621	
			MAIL DATE	
			10/22/2007	DELIVERY MODE
				PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

<i>Office Action Summary</i>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/577,846	BORZATTA ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
Sikarl A. Witherspoon	1621	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2006.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-5, 8 and 9 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/19/06.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over reference AR listed on the attached PTO-1449, and JP57009734, in combination.

The instant claims are drawn to a process for preparing a heliotropine derivative by reacting a chloromethyl derivative with an alkaline acetate to form an acetyl derivative, hydrolyzing the acetyl derivative to form an alkoxybenzyl alcohol derivative, and then oxidizing the alcohol derivative to produce said heliotropine derivative.

The reference listed as "AR" teach the preparation of anisic alcohol (an alkoxybenzyl alcohol) by reacting a chloromethylanisole compound (and anisyl chloride), made by chloromethylation of anisole, with sodium acetate in ethanol to form an acetyl derivative, anisyl acetate and o-methoxybenzyl acetate, and then reacting the acetyl derivative by boiling with potassium hydroxide in ethanol to hydrolyze the acetyl derivative and produce an alkoxybenzyl alcohol derivative (abstract).

The difference between "AR" and the instant claims is that "AR" does not teach further reaction of the alkoxybenzyl alcohol to produce an alkoxybenzaldehyde, i.e., heliotropine derivative.

Art Unit: 1621

Japanese publication JP 57009734 teaches the oxidation of an alkoxybenzyl alcohol, in the liquid phase to an alkoxybenzaldehyde (heliotropine derivative), using a catalyst comprising palladium and/or platinum, and lead and/or copper (abstract).

It therefore would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, desiring to produce an alkoxybenzaldehyde (heliotropine) derivative from the alkoxybenzyl alcohol made by the process taught in "AR", to combine the teaching of JP 57009734 with the teaching of "AR", since it is well-known that the alkoxybenzaldehyde derivatives are useful as raw materials in the perfume industry.

Claims 6-7 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sikarl A. Witherspoon whose telephone number is 571-272-0649. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on 571-272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Art Unit: 1621

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

saw

Sikarl A. Witherspoon
SIKARL A. WITHERSPOON
PRIMARY EXAMINER